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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A protective cover for an engine filter comprising;

a cover upper portion;

at least one cover sidewall connected to the cover upper portion, wherein the cover upper portion and the at least one cover sidewall form an enclosure, such that an inner perimeter of the enclosure has a size and a shape corresponding to a size and a shape of an outer perimeter of the engine filter; and

~~means for releasibly connecting the cover sidewall to the engine filter~~ a clamp for releasibly connecting the cover sidewall to the filter, said clamp being disposed concentrically within an inside surface of the at least one cover sidewall and connected to the at least one cover sidewall.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) An assembly comprising:

a protective cover comprising;

a cover upper portion;

at least one cover sidewall attached to the cover upper portion, wherein the cover upper portion and the at least one cover sidewall form an enclosure;

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~~means for releasibly connecting the cover sidewall to the engine filter, and~~

an engine filter having an outer perimeter, wherein an inner perimeter of the enclosure has a size and a shape similar to a size and a shape of the outer perimeter of the engine filter[[]], and

a clamp for releasibly connecting the cover sidewall to the engine filter, said clamp being disposed concentrically within an inside surface of the at least one cover sidewall and connected to the at least one cover sidewall.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A protective assembly for filters for internal combustion engines comprising:

a domed enclosure of a first predetermined height and width, an engine filter of a second predetermined height and width adapted to be secured to an internal combustion engine for receipt of fluids to be filtered from the engine, and

an adjustable clamp mounted on the enclosure for securing and releasing the enclosure from the filter, the clamp being a band having a tightening mechanism extending and secured to the interior of the enclosure;

wherein the first height and width of the enclosure is selected to receive and enclose the filter of the second height and width in a vibration resistant condition.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

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10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) A protective assembly according to claim 7 wherein the clamp is mounted interiorly of the enclosure and wherein a slot is formed in ~~[[the]]~~ a lower end of the enclosure, the ends of the clamp extending out of the slot and being connected together with an adjustable linkage.

12. (Original) An assembly according to claim 11 wherein the adjustable linkage is a bolt and nut combination for tightening and loosening the clamp relative to a filter located within the enclosure.